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MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor and Council

From: Rep. Susie Byrd

Date: February 13, 2009

Re: Addition to the Agenda Item 1 for the third building of the TTUHSC medical school

Listed as Item 1 on the addition to the agenda for the El Paso City Council meeting on Monday Feb. 16, 2009, is discussion and action on adding to our State Legislative Agenda Priorities support Texas Tech's third medical building.

Through the medical school's dean, Dr. Manuel De La Rosa, we will include language in our state legislative agenda priorities that calls for \$65 million in Tuition Revenue Bonds for the construction of a 150,000-square-foot research facility, Medical Science Building II. This building, which will be the third on the campus, will house the Centers of Excellence that are to be established for research into cancer, neurodegenerative diseases and obesity and diabetes --all of which are areas of concern for the border region.

Approval of this item will further strengthen our support for the TTUHSC Paul L. Foster school of medicine, and it will demonstrate to our state legislature that we as a community remain a committed partner in the advancement of medical care for our region's residents.